

Introduced by Senator Roth

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Senate Resolution No. 61—Relative to Type 1 diabetes awareness.

1 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects an
2 estimated 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3 percent of the population,
3 on a daily basis; and
4 WHEREAS, Approximately 3.8 million people in California
5 are living with diabetes, and it is estimated that over one million
6 Californians are undiagnosed; and
7 WHEREAS, Diabetes costs an estimated \$37.1 billion in
8 California each year; and
9 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes accounts for \$14.9 billion in health
10 care costs in the United States each year; and
11 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes, previously called juvenile-onset
12 diabetes, occurs when the body does not produce insulin, a
13 hormone that is necessary to convert sugar, or glucose, into energy;
14 and
15 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is the third most common
16 auto-immune disease found among children; and
17 WHEREAS, Between 2001 and 2009 there was a 21-percent
18 increase in the prevalence of Type 1 diabetes in people under 20
19 years of age; and
20 WHEREAS, Only 5 percent of diabetics have Type 1 diabetes,
21 and it is typically diagnosed in children and young adults; and
22 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes can help prevent
23 diabetic ketoacidosis, a potentially fatal condition that develops
24 from high blood glucose levels; and
25 WHEREAS, In 2009, among hospital discharges of children
26 and young people 0 to 17 years of age, about 74 percent had

1 diabetes as the first-listed diagnosis, and of these patients, 64
2 percent of the diagnoses were for diabetic ketoacidosis; and

3 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes can prevent
4 this fatal condition from occurring in the first place; and

5 WHEREAS, With the help of insulin therapy and other
6 treatments, young children and adolescents can learn to manage
7 their condition and live long, healthy lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Education concerning Type 1 diabetes is critical
9 to raising awareness and diagnosing and treating this condition
10 effectively; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
12 encourages all health care practitioners with children under their
13 care to discuss the warning signs and symptoms of Type 1 diabetes
14 with the parents or guardians of each child at least once annually
15 at well-child care visits from birth to 5 years of age; and be it
16 further

17 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
18 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.